



Docket No.: 21298 US (C038435/0183236)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tatsuo HOSHINO *et al.*)
Serial No.: 10/518,530) Examiner: I. Marx
371(c) Date: June 20, 2005) Art Unit: 1651
For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING**)
CAROTENOIDS)

New York, New York
July 30, 2009

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2009, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A two-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before August 10, 2009, because August 9th falls on a Sunday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7, 1.8, and 1.136. Enclosed is a check for the extension of time fee in an amount of \$490.00. 37 CFR § 1.17.

Please charge any required or missing fees not otherwise authorized for payment or paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 5 of this paper.